



2010 Cobb Middle School Summer Reading

Directions: Choose one of the following award winning novels to read.

The Roar by Emma Clayton

Box Out by John Coy

Football Hero by Tim Green

Dog Whisperer the Rescue by Nicholas Edwards

Summer Reading Assignments (by grade)

6th Grade: Comic Strip

After reading your novel choice, create a comic strip about the book. The strip should contain 8 to 10 panels in chronological order. Each panel should show an important event in the book and depict details of the setting, the characters, and their words and actions. Below each panel, include a caption of two or more sentences to tell what is happening in each panel. The drawings should be in color. You may use markers, crayon, colored pencils or another medium of your choice. Make sure the title and author appear on one of the panels. Include your first and last name on the last panel.

7th Grade: Promotion Poster

Pretend you work for the publisher of the book you read. You want to sell as many copies of the book as possible; therefore, your task is to design an advertising poster with four sections. The writing should be typed or written neatly in blue or black ink. Illustrations should be in color and should be original, not copied from the book cover.

Section 1: The first section will have the title, author, and a colorful picture of your favorite scene from the book. You will include 4 or more sentences describing the scene.

Section 2: The second section will have a colorful picture of your favorite character from the book. You will also include a written description of at least four sentences about the character's age, personality, and his/her relationship with the other main characters in the book.

Section 3: The third section will have a short summary of the book that sells the book to people who haven't read it. Make sure to include highlights of the most exciting parts of the book as well as a summary (in your own words) of the entire book.

Section 4: The fourth section will list five to ten reasons (in complete sentences) why students should read this book. Include your first and last names in section four.

8th Grade: (Choose one of the two options)

8th GRADE OPTION 1: Book Cover

Please read and follow all directions carefully. All writing should be typed. All illustrations should be in color. The cover should be on unlined paper or construction paper. The paper for the summary should fit neatly inside the cover.

1. Make a book cover for your book by taking a piece of plain paper (not notebook paper) and folding it in half.
2. Write the title and the author on the front cover. Remember to capitalize and underline book titles or type them in italics. Draw a picture or design on the cover that tells something about the book. BE CREATIVE AND ORIGINAL! **DO NOT COPY** the picture or design that is already on the cover of the book.
3. Inside, neatly staple or tape a two page summary of the book. Be sure to describe the plot of the book and several highlights or main events that happened in the book. (Do not end your summary with "to find out what happened you have to read the book yourself.") The summary must be written in your own words and tell a complete summary of the book.
4. On the back cover, write a recommendation of at least three sentences telling why you did or did not like the book. Your name and date must also be written on the back cover of your book report.

RUBRIC FOR GRADING (8TH GR. Option 1)

COVER	20 POINTS
SUMMARY	50 POINTS
RECOMMENDATION	20 POINTS
GRAMMAR, SPELLING, PUNCTUATION	5 POINTS
NAME	5 POINTS
TOTAL	100 POINTS



8TH GRADE OPTION 2: My Space Page

Please read and follow all directions carefully. All illustrations should be colored. Use the Elements of Fiction to create a My Space page for a character from your novel. Use 12" by 18" construction paper. All work should be neat. Your finished product should look like a web site. Have Fun.

1. Write the title and author at the top of your page.
2. Create a space for your character. Draw a picture of your character, underneath the picture list: name, age, city, hobby, quote from your character, and one paragraph explaining what the character wants. **BE CREATIVE AND ORIGINAL! DO NOT COPY** the picture or design that is already on the cover of the book.
3. Next create a space for a summary. Write a 1-2 paragraphs about the plot of the story. You must be able to highlight the conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution. Remember your summary must look like it is a part of a real My Space page or web site. The summary must be written in your own words.
4. Create a space for a video screen. In this space you will illustrate your favorite scene from your novel (NO stick figures). Make sure you include all the details. **BE CREATIVE AND ORIGINAL! DO NOT COPY** the picture or design that is already on the cover of the book.
5. Create a space for friends and contacts; draw a picture of each character that you want to include (2-4). Make them smaller than your character's picture. Include the name of each character under his/her picture.
6. Create a space for your character's songs/playlist. Choose 5 songs that relate to the novel's themes. Include the song title and the artist. After each song explain in one to two complete sentences how it relates to the novel.
7. Include your name at the bottom of the page, created by: First Last Name

RUBRIC FOR GRADING (8TH GR. Option 2)

CHARACTER PICTURE AND PROFILE	20 POINTS
SUMMARY	30 POINTS
VIDEO	20 POINTS
FRIENDS/CONTACTS	5 POINTS
PLAYLIST/SONGS	15 POINTS
GRAMMAR/PUNCTUATION	10 POINTS
TOTAL	100 POINTS

Summer Reading – A Little Help in Which Book to Read

Box Out by John Coy

This book is for basketball or sports fans with some conflict thrown in about school prayer.

Dog Whisperer the Rescue by Nicholas Edwards

This book touches the hearts of animal lovers with some drama involved in the conflict.

Football Hero by Tim Green (Tim Green is a former professional football player.)

This is an authentic look at NFL football and how people try to take advantage of players if they are not careful.

The Roar by Emma Clayton

This book is science fiction at its best. The end leaves you begging for a sequel which will hopefully be out soon.

